Development of roads

2829. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether roads development is being given high priority all over the country in order to encourage trade, commerce, tourism and other traffic; and

(b) whether Governmen t are aware that road traffic in Delhi has been made totally unpleasent and difficult due to heavy dependence by traffic police on punishment rather than education and creation of bottlenecks in traffic all over Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. Road Development is given due priority.

(b) Delhi Administration have reported that a number of steps have been taken to inculcate better sense of road discipline amongst the drivers and these include issuance of Learners' Manual, rigorous test at the time of grant of driving licence, introduction of poloride form of driving licence making it impossible to issue a licence in absentia, declaration of 1987 as an year of road safety in Delhi where the action-plan covers publicity through various media, eye-testing camps for drivers, etc.

Professional Diplomas

2830. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Professional Diplomas considered equivalent to bachelor's degrees; and

(b) whether three years diploma in the Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition Technology and the Engineering Diplomas being awarded by various institutes and polytechnics are such diplomas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) On the advice of the Board of Assessment for Educational Qualifications, Government of India have recognised Membership Examinations of some Professional Bodies for recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government where normally degrees in the appropriate branches of Engineering or Technology are prescribed as the qualification for the recruitment. The list of the Professional Bodies whose Membership Examinations have been recongnised by the Government of India for recruitment to superior posts and services under Central Government in the field of Engineering and Technology is enclosed. (*See* statement below)

(b) The three years diploma in Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition Technology and the diplomas in Engineering and Technology awarded by the State Boards of Technology Education and offered by the approved Polytechnics and other technical institutes affiliated to them are not such diplomas as considered equivalent for the purpose of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government.

Statement

List of Professional bodies whose membership Examinations have been Recognised by Government of India for Recruitment to superior Posts and Services Under the Central Government

S. No.	Name of Address of Professional Body	Examination Recognised
1.	The Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), 8, Gokhale Road, Calcutta -700020.	Sections A & B of the Assoca e Membership Examination.
2	The Secretary, The Aeronautical Society of India, 13-B Indraprastha Estate, New Deihi-1.	Parts II & III of Associate Membership Examination 2, Sections A & B (New Scheme) of Associate Membership Examinations.
3.	The Secretary, Institution of Surveyors (India) Maude Road, Deihi Cantt. 110010.	Final Examination in any of the following branches: a) Land Surveying b) Hydrographics Surveying c) Buildings, Guality and valuation surveying.
4	The Secretary, Institute of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineers, P'ot No. 2, Institutional Area, Lodi Road New Delhi-110003.	Graduateship Examination.
5	The Secretary, Indian Instt. of Metals, 2, Sambunath Pandit Street, Calcutta-700020.	Associate Membership Examination.
6	The Secretary, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Rajasubodh, Mullick Road, P.B. No. 17001, Calcutta-700032.	Associate Membership Examination.
7	The Secretary, Institution of Chemists (India) 11/1 Dr. Biresh Kumar Road, Calcutta-700017.	Associate Diploma Examinations.
8	Institution of Mechnicai Engineers (India), Post Box No. 10146, Bombay.	Associate Membership Examination.
9	The Secretary, National Productivity Council, Productivity House, Lodi Road, New Delhi-170003.	Two years Post-graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering.

Female literacy rate in the States

2831. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States in which the female literacy rate in below average and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the steps taken the Central Government to reduce the drop-out rate of girl students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to 1981 Census (excluding Assam) national average of female literacy for all age-group in India was 24.82 per cent. The following 11 States|U.Ts have literacy rate below national average: